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NATIONAL CALAMITY CONTINGENCY FUND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have spent thousands crores of rupees from Calamity ReliefFund and National Fund for Calamity Relief in the recent past;

(b) if so, whether it did not serve the intended purpose;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether many of the States have not set up Calamity Relief Fund and credited the fundsreceived from Central Government credited to their revenue due to non setting up the institutional arrangement envisaged under this scheme;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to lay any procedure for use of Calamity ReliefFund by State Government and its monitoring;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested financial assistance from National CalamityContingency Fund to take drought relief measure;
(h) if so, the extent of amount released;
(i) the guidelines that govern for National Calamity Contingency Fund; and
(j) the details of the states to whom assistance provided under the fund in the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Some of the States have not set up Calamity Relief Fund as per the requirement.

(e)& (f): The Government is persuing the matter with such States.However, items and norms of expenditure for assistance from CRF/National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) have been laid down.

(g)&(h): The request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for assistance from NCCF in the wake ofdrought was considered and in view of balance available with the State Government under CRF, it wasdecided that, to begin with, funds under CRF be utilized and that the situation be reviewed at a later date. The State Government was suitably informed.Thereafter State Government requested for advance release of 2nd instalment of Central share of Rs.77.985 crore and it was released.

(i): The guidelines that govern the scheme for constitution and administration of National CalamityContingency Fund(NCCF) for the period 2000-05 were issued on 15th December, 2000.

(j): Details of assistance released from NCCF during 2001-02 (so far) is indicated below:-

(Rs. in crore)

Andhra Pradesh	10.00
Chhattisgarh	42.88
Gujarat	994.37
Jammu & Kashmir	23.20

Himachal Pradesh		43.98
Madhya Pradesh	22.72	
Orissa		114.62
Rajasthan	28.97	